Directions: Use the provided primary sources and fill in the rows below.

| **Primary Source** | **Summarize** | **Impact** | **Explanation** |
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|  | *Summarize the central idea of the source in your own words.* | *Mark the impact(s) of the Declaration addressed in the source.* | *Explain how the promises of the Declaration impacted Colonial Americans based on the source analyzed.* |
| **Letter from Abigail Adams to John Adams, March 31, 1776** | Abigail Adams urges John to remember the ladies when creating the new government. | * Unity * Motivation for War * Sense of Identity * Citizens, not Subjects * Political Legitimacy * International Recognition | Many Colonial Americans were not “independent” or “citizens” during this initial quest for freedom. We still had a long way to go. |
| **Letter from John Hancock to George Washington, July 9, 1776** | John Hancock writes to George Washington to share with the rest of the Army that the Patriots have officially declared independence from Great Britain. | * Unity * Motivation for War * Sense of Identity * Citizens, not Subjects * Political legitimacy * International Recognition | Those involved in the war would know that there is action taking place to justify the fighting. |
| **Pulling Down the Statue of George III at Bowling Green. N.Y. July 9, 1776** | After news of the Declaration made its way to towns, colonists responded by destroying a statue of King George III. | * Unity * Motivation for War * Sense of Identity * Citizens, not Subjects * Political legitimacy * International Recognition | People are coming together to show their unity and desire for independence. |
| **Continental Congress Military Commission for Marquis de Lafayette, July 31, 1777** | Marquis de Lafayette sacrificed a great deal to join the U.S. army in their fight for independence from Great Britain. | * Unity * Motivation for War * Sense of Identity * Citizens, not Subjects * Political legitimacy * International Recognition | It showed how serious things were on a global scale for Americans to be free when those from other countries were willing to lay down their own lives, wealth, and time to fight for independence. |